million tonnes of coal production. The built up of incremental production will be 8 million tonnes for the first year and progressively reaching to 71.13 million tonnes in eight years.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply given in (e) above.

Royalty for coal mining

416. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage/ratio of royalty given to the States for mining of coal and lignite separately;

(b) when the royalty on coal and lignite was last revised; and

(c) the criteria for revising the rate of royalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The existing rates of royalty on coal are ranging from Rs. 90.00 to Rs. 250.00 per tonne, depending upon the grade. These rates were last revised on 16.08.2002. The royalty on lignite is Rs. 50.00 per tonne and it was last revised on 15.03.2001. Proceeds from royalty accrue entirely to the State Government. The amount of royalty paid to the State Governments during last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

State	Amount of Royalty Paid		
	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
West Bengal	9.99	9.48	9.31
Jharkhand	649.89	743.14	735.89
Orissa	310.10	403.13	460.43
Madhya Pradesh	431.86	501.07	529.63
Chhattisgarh	427.58	491.32	533.47
Maharashtra	256.90	282.01	292.96
Uttar Pradesh	149.31	145.67	159.92
Assam	10.00	14.35	12.71
Tamil Nadu	93.14	96.02	107.84
Andhra Pradesh	278.24	304.40	315.00
TOTAL :	2619.01	2990.59	3157.15

(c) Section 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 empowers the Central Government to enhance or reduce the royalty rates in respect of any mineral by notification in the Official Gazette. The Government revises the rate of royalty on coal and lignite after taking into consideration the views of all stakeholders *viz.* the coal producing States, the major coal consumers and keeping in mind the impact of such revision on the overall economic growth of the country.

Recommendation of Tariff Commission for coal pricing

417. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a regulatory framework for coal pricing;

(b) what impact it would have on the cost of generation of power in the country;

(c) whether the proposal has been scrutinized by the Tariff Commission; and

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the Tariff Commission on the proposed regulatory framework on the coal pricing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above. However, the Tariff Commission has been requested to recommend the price of coal for the power sector and to suggest modalities for pricing of coal for other sectors.

Shifting the headquarters of CIL

†418. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that demand for shifting the headquarter of Coal India Limited from Kolkata to Ranchi is being made for several years as most of coal mines are situated in Jharkhand;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.